ARTICLES

TO BE ENQVIRED OF,

within the Arch-Deaconrie of *Middlesex*, by the Church-Wardens and Sworne-men in euery Parish,

And Presentment to be made thereof, to the *Arch-deacon*,

With peculiar answer to euery Article.

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The Tenor of the Oath miniſtred to all the Church-wardens and Sworne men.

YEe ſhall ſweare, that all Affection, hatred, hope of reward, or gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall vpon due conſideration of the Articles giuen you in Charge preſent to our Arch-Deacon of *Middleſex*, or his Officiall, all and euery ſuch perſon, of, or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence, or fault, or made any default mentioned in any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, or otherwiſe defamed of any ſuch offence, fault, or default, wherein you ſhall deale vprightly, and according to Equitie, neyther of malice preſenting any contrary to Truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and to conceale the Truth, hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintayne Truth, and to ſuppreſſe Vice. So helpe you God, and his faithfull promiſes in CHRIST IESVS.

God ſaue the King.

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Articles to be enquired of within the Archdeaconry of *Middlesex*, for this present yeare of our Lord God. 1634.

Articles concerning the Clergie.

1.

WHether hath your Minister, read the Constitutions set forth by the late Kings Maiesty, once euery yeare, vpon some Sundayes or Holy-dayes in the afternoone, before Diuine seruice, according as by the Canons he is bound?

2 Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the King and Queenes Maiesty, King Charles, and Mr. Mary, Prince Charles, Iames Duke of Yorke, Lady Mary, the Lady Elizabeth the Kings Maiesties onely Sister; giuing vnto him such stile and title of supreme Gouernour ouer all causes, and ouer all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporall, as by Law are due vnto him, exhorting their Parishioners to yeld him obedience according to the same: and also in their sayd Sermons, doe pray for all Arch-bishops, Bishops, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, according to the 55. Canon?

3 Whether is the prescript forme of Diuine Seruice vsed by your Minister vpon Sundayes, Holy-dayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, according to the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the Orders, Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the sayd Booke of Common-prayer; aswell in reading publike Prayers, the Letanie, and also in administring the Sacraments, in such manner and forme, wearing the Surplisse, as by the Booke of Common-prayer by Law now established is inioyned?

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that euery Parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common Prayer is appointed. And whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery day that hee administreth it to others, kneeling at the same, and administreth it to none but such as doe

kneele at the receiuing thereof, and whether hee doth vse the words of the Institution according to the Booke, at euery time that the Bread and Wine is receiued, in such manner and forme, as by the Prouiso of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein hee is faulty? And whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth?

5 Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders, or Schismatickes to the Communion, contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions, without satisfaction by due course of Law forehadden them, or reiected any from the Communion who were not by publike presentment, or other open scandall infamous and detected of some notorious crime, by common fame published in the Parish?

6 Whether the Minister, together with the Church-wardens and Questmen, doe take diligent heed and care, and not onely all and euery of your owne Parishioners doe receiue thrice in euery yeare, as aforesayd: but also that no Strangers of any other Parish doe forsake their owne Minister and Parish to receiue with you, contrary to the 28. Canon?

7 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe Children with the signe of the Crosse, when they are Baptized, according to the Booke of Common prayer, and the 30. Canon: and doth hee neuer fayle to vse the sayd signe of the Crosse? And whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to Baptize any Infant in his Parish being in danger, hauing beene duely informed of the weakenesse thereof? And whether the Child hath dyed by his default without Baptisme, contrary to the 68. and 69. Canons?

8 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice: or for how long time hath he beene absent, and whether he is resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath hee?

9 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, preach duely according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure with you once euery Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell, neere adioyning, where no Preacher is, according to the 45. Canon, or how hath he beene negligent in that behalfe?

10 Whether doth your Preacher, vse that succinct forme of Prayer before all Sermons, Lectures, and Homilies, prescribed in the 55. Canon, praying for the whole Catholike Church Militant, and praising God for that part tryumphant?

11 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed: if yea, then by whom: if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to be preached among

you

ance in euery Moneth at the leaſt, by ſuch as are lawfully licenced, according to the 46. Canon, or doth contribute toward a licenced Preacher, if his liuing will beare it?

12. Whether hath your Miniſter another Benefice: and whether doth he ſupply his abſence by a Curate, that is ſufficiently licenced to preach in that cure of his, whereon he himſelfe is not reſident: or otherwiſe in caſe he doth not find a preaching Miniſter there, by reaſon of the ſmalneſſe thereof, whether doth he preach at both his Benefices vſually himſelfe, according to the 47. Canon?

13. Whether is your Curate licenced to ſerue by the Biſhop of this Diocelle, or by any other, and by whom: whether doth your Miniſter or Curate ſerue more Cures then one, contrary to the 48. Canon? If yea, what other Cure doth he alſo ſerue?

14. If your Miniſter be not licenced to preach, as before ſaid, whether doth read Homilies, or take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elſewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon: If ſo, then are you to preſent him, and ſpecifie the place where hee hath ſo preached?

15. Whether hath any perſon beene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but ſuch as you haue well knowne to bee ſufficiently licenced, whom you haue ſo admitted? you ſhall preſent their names, and how often haue any ſuch been admitted to preach, and by whoſe procurement: And whether haue you cauſed euery ſtrange Preacher, licenced or not licenced, to ſubſcribe his name, together with the day when he preached, according to the 50. 51. & 52. Canons: and if he were licenced then by whom hee was licenced: And whether haue they, or any other preached in your Church, not being ſoberly and decently apparelled according to the 74. Canon?

16. Whether doth your Lecturer, and Preacher reade Diuine Seruice, and miniſter the Sacraments in his owne perſon twice euery yeare, obſerning all the Ceremonies in the Booke of Common Prayer, eſtabliſhed according to the 56. Canon?

17. Whether doth your Miniſter weare the Surpliſſe whileſt he is ſaying the publike Prayers, and adminiſtring the Sacraments, and doth he neuer omit it, and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he alſo weare vpon his Surpliſſe, during the time aforeſaid, a hood as by the Orders of his Vniuerſitie is agreeable to his degree, according to the 58. Canon?

18. Whether doth your Miniſter euerie Sunday and Holy-day before Euening Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, examine and inſtruct

the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Ten Comman-
ments, the Articles of Beliefe, and the Lords Prayer, as also the
Catechisme last set forth in the Booke of Common prayer, after
the Children of the Parish may be prepared to Confirmation, accord-
to the 59. Canon?

19 Whether hath your Minister without Licence from the Arch-
bishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancellor, or Commissar
or from the Arch-deacon, or his Officiall, solemnized Marriage betw-
any parties, the Banes not being three severall Sundayes or Holida-
first published in time of Divine Service, or in the severall Church
or Chappels of their severall abode, according to the Booke of Com-
Prayer, and the 62. Canon: and also betwixt the houres of Eight
Twelue in the fore-noone, contrary to the 102. Canon?

20 Whether hath your Minister, since the last Canon, solemni-
any Marriage betwixt any persons, being under the Age of 21. year
although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as the Pare
haue made knowne vnto him their consent thereunto, contrary to
99. and 100. Canons: And whether hath he married any of anot
Diocese, and who are they, and by what authority, and when?

21 Whether doth your Minister, vpon Sundayes at Morn
prayer, declare vnto the Parishioners what Holy-dayes and Fast
dayes are appointed to be kept the Weeke following, according to
64. Canon, whereby they may be put in minde to prepare themsel
accordingly, and to repaire to the Church to publike Prayer, as by L
they are bound?

22 Whether doth your Minister, in the Rogation dayes, the
perambulation of the Circuit of the Parish, appointed by Law, and
the same perambulation moue the people to give thankes to God
his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers, and Homilies, as are to
end set forth?

23 Whether doth any man (being neyther Minister nor Deac
reade Common prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or admi
ster the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize Matrimony, or take v
him to practise any other Ministeriall duty in the Church, that is n
scribed to be executed particularly by such as are either Ministers
Deacons, and what is his Name that so doth?

24 Whether doth your Minister every sixe Moneths denounce
his Parish, all such of his Parish, as doe persevere in the sentence
Excommunication, not seeking to be absolued: and whether hath he
mitted any person excommunicate into the Church, without a certifi-

his abſolution from the Ordinary, or other competent Iudge vnder
ſeale, according to the Canons: or doth hee wittingly and willing-
ly company with ſuch as are Excommunicate?

25. Whether doth your Miniſter, being a Preacher, endeauour
to labour diligently, with mildneſſe and temperance to conferre with,
whereby to reclaime the Popiſh Recuſants in his Pariſh from their
errors, if there be any ſuch there being: and whether is hee painfull
in viſitation of the ſicke according to the Booke of Common Prayer,
and the Canons in that caſe prouided?

26. Whether is your Parſon, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much
frequent or ouer-conuerſant with, or a fauourer of Recuſants, whereby
he may be ſuſpected not to be ſincere in Religion?

27. Whether hath your Miniſter, or any other taken vpon him the
place of a Miniſter, Preached, Baptized Children (vnleſſe in caſe of
neceſſitie) ſolemnized marriage, churched any Woman, or adminiſtred
the holy Communion in any priuate houſe or houſes: if yea, then where,
when, and how often hath he ſo offended in any of the premiſes?

28. Whether hath your Miniſter, or any other, exerciſed any pub-
like or priuate Faſts or Prophecies, not approued and eſtabliſhed by
Law, or publike authoritie: or hath he attempted vpon any pretence
whatſoeuer of poſſeſſion, by Faſting and Prayer to caſt out Deuils, contrary
to the 72. Canon?

29. Whether hath your Miniſter, or any other perſon or perſons
within your Pariſh, vſed to meete in any priuate houſe or other place,
to both preach in any place, or vſe any other forme of Diuine Seruice
then is appointed in the Booke of Common prayer, and to hold priuate
Conuenticles contrary to the 73. Canon? If yea, then you ſhall pre-
ſent them all, and euery of them?

30. Whether doth your Miniſter vſe ſuch decency and comelineſſe
in his apparell, as by the 74. Conſtitution is enioyned him, aſwell at
home, as when he goeth abroad?

31. Whether doe you know in your Pariſh, any that hauing here-
tofore taken vpon him, or them, the order of Prieſthood, or of a Deacon,
haue ſince relinquiſhed the ſame, and betaken himſelfe to the courſe of
life of a Layman neglecting his vocation, contrary to the 76 Canon. If
yea, then you ſhall preſent his name, and the place of his abode?

32. Whether is your Miniſter noted or defamed, to haue obtayned
his benefice by Symonie, or reputed to be an incontinent perſon, or doth
keepe any man or Woman in his houſe, that are ſuſpected either to be
not right Religion, or bad life, himſelfe to be a common Drunkard, or to be

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a common hunter of Tauernes, Ale-houses, or other ſuſpected places, a common Gameſter, or player at Dice, or other vnlawfull games, a common Swearer, or notorious perſon, or faultie in any other crime punishable by Eccleſiaſticall cenſures, whereby he is offenſiue and ſcandalous to his function and miniſtery?

33. Whether doth your Miniſter vſe the forme of Thankeſgiuing to Women after their child-birth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with Child in Adultery, or Fornication, without licence of his Ordinary: and whether haue any married women refuſed to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue God thankes after child-birth: If any be faultie therein, you ſhall preſent their names?

34. Whether doth your Miniſter baptize any children in any Baſon or other veſſell, then in the ordinary Font, being placed in the Church according to the 81. Canon, or doth put any Baſon into it?

35. Whether hath your Miniſter kept any excommunication in his cuſtody vnpublished againſt any of his Parishioners, aboue the ſpace of 20. dayes next after the receit thereof, without ſome lawfull certificate of the abſolution of any ſuch excommunicate perſon, or of ſome lawfull warrant for the ſtay of the Excommunication?

36. Whether hath your Miniſter admitted any excommunicate perſon to the holy Communion, before he hath receiued a certificate of the abſolution of the ſame partie. And whether haue you permitted any excommunicate perſon, either of your owne Parish, or of any other Parish to heare Diuine Seruice in your parish Church, ſince the time you tooke vpon you the Office of Church-wardens within your ſaid Parish? yea, ſet downe the names of the ſame parties?

37. Whether hath your Miniſter abſolued any excommunicate perſon or Perſons of your Parish, or of any other Parish within the Archdeaconry of Middleſex, without a ſpeciall warrant in writing, vnder the hands of the Iudge and Regiſter of this Court, or one of them? yea, what are the names of ſuch perſon or perſons which he hath ſo abſolued?

38. Whether doth your Miniſter reade Diuine Seruice vpon the Feſtiuall dayes following, viz. the Birth day of our Lord GOD, the Feaſts of the Purification, the Annunciation of Saint Mary the Virgin, the Feaſt of the Aſcenſion of our Lord GOD, the Nativity of Saint Iohn Baptiſt, and the Feaſt of all Saints: and whether doth your Miniſter reade Euening Prayer vpon theſe dayes following, viz. vpon the Eue of the Birth of our Lord God, Eaſter Eue, and Whitſun Eue?

39 Whether Publication of the Kings Maieſties late Declaration to his Subiects (concerning lawfull ſpoꝛts to be vſed) hath bẽne made by your Miniſter in your Pariſh Church, oꝛ Chappell?

Articles concerning the Church.

1 WHether haue you in your ſeuerall Churches and Chappels, the laſt Booke of Conſtitutions oꝛ Canons Eccleſiaſticall, ready to be read by your Miniſter?

2 Whether is there in your Church oꝛ Chappell, one parchment Regiſter Booke, pꝛouided foꝛ Chriſtenings, Marriages, and Burials: and whether is the ſame duely and exactly kept, accoꝛding to the Conſtitutions in that caſe pꝛouided?

3 Whether haue you the great Bible and Booke of Cõmon pꝛayer, cõmanded by the late Kings Maieſties authoꝛity only to be vſed, and the booke of Homilies: and whether haue you in your Church oꝛ Chappell, a Font of ſtone ſet vp in the ancient vſuall place: a conuenient and decent Communion Table ſtanding vpon a frame, with a Carpet of like oꝛ ſome other decent ſtuffe, and a faire Linnen cloath to lay thereon at the Communion time: and whether is the ſame then plated in ſuch conuenient ſoꝛt within the Chancell oꝛ Church, as that the Miniſter may be beſt heard in his Pꝛayer and Adminiſtration, and that the greater number may communicate: and whether are the Ten Commandements ſet vpon the Eaſt end of your Church oꝛ Chappell, where the people may beſt ſée and reade them, and other ſentences of holy Scripture, wꝛitten on the walls likewiſe foꝛ the ſame purpoſe?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient Seat foꝛ the Miniſter to reade Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit ſet vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth oꝛ Cuſhion foꝛ the ſame: a comely large Surpleſſe, a faire Communion Cup of Siluer, and a couer agéeable foꝛ the ſame, with all other things and Oꝛnaments neceſſary foꝛ the Celebꝛation of Diuine Seruice, and adminiſtration of the Sacraments, and a ſtrong Cheſt foꝛ the Almes of the pooꝛe, with thꝛée lockes and keyes, and another Cheſt foꝛ the kéeping of Oꝛnaments of the Church and Regiſter Booke?

5 Howe many Bells are there at this pꝛeſent hanging in the Belfrey of your Pariſh Church, and howe many haue there bẽne heretofoꝛe? Whether any of your ſayd Bells haue bẽne taken downe and ſold, oꝛ made away: and what other Church-goods are now wanting in your Church?

6. Whether are your Church or Cappels with the Chancels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage-house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, aswell within as without: the seates well maintained, your Church-yard well fenced and kept without abuse, according to the 85. Canon? If not, then through whose default, and what defects are?

7 Whether doe any withhold the stocke of the Church, or any goods or other things giuen to good and charitable vse? All those things in those Articles, are to be prepared, according to the Canons, vnder the title appertaining to Churches.

Articles concerning Schoole-masters.

VVhether the Schoole-master or Schoolemasters within your Parish openly or priuately, in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any othee place, be of good and sincere Religion, life, and conuersation, and be diligent in the teaching and bringing vp of youth: and whether they haue bene examined, allowed, and licenced for Schoolemasters by the Ordinary in that behalfe, and how many seuerall Schoolmasters haue you, and what be their names?

2. Whether your schoole-master, or schoole-masters doe themselues receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe, and whether doe all their schollers that be of age sufficient, and of capacitie, by instruction to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the communion either in your Church, or where theyr parents dwell, once euery yeare, and be diligent to heare Common Prayer.

3. Whether the Schoole-master, or schoole-masters, eyther priuate or publike, doe teach theyr schollers the Catechisme, authorized by publike authoritie, at least once euery weeke, and doe instruct and examine the same, and doe teach any other Catechisme, and what Catechisme it is that they so teach?

4. Whether your Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to read vnto their Schollers priuately, any vnlawfull Bookes, or priuately to instruct them in theyr young yeares either in Popery, superstition, disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall by publike authoritie allowed?

5 What Recusant Papists are there in your Parish? and whether doe they or any of them kéepe any Schoole-master in their house, which commeth not to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Communion? what is his name, and how long hath he taught?

6 Whether the Schoole-maſter, or Schoole-maſters within your pariſh, do teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer, then that which is called the Kings Grammer, ſet forth by the authoritie of King Henry the 8. teaching the preſcript forme thereof, whereby their Schollers may perfectly vnderſtand their Grammer Rules and Conſtructions?

Articles concerning the Pariſhioners, and other of the Laity.

1 WHether is there any within you pariſh, that hath or doth impugne the Kings Maieſties Supremacy and Authority in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall, or doth any way, or in any part impeach the ſame, being reſtored to the Crowne by the Lawes of the Realme eſtabliſhed in that behalfe?

2 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that denyeth the Church of England by law eſtabliſhed vnder the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, to be a true and Apoſtolicall Church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the Apoſtles?

3 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion, agreed vpon in Anno 1562. and eſtabliſhed in the Church of England?

4 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that doe impugne and ſpeake againſt the Rites and Ceremonies eſtabliſhed in the Church of England, or the lawfull vſe of them? you ſhall preſent their names?

5 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that doe impugne the gouernment of the Church of England vnder the Kings moſt excellent Majeſty by Arch-biſhops, Biſhops, Deanes, Arch-deacons, and the reſt that beare Office in the ſame, affirming that the ſame is Antichriſtian or repugnant to the Word of God?

6 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that impugne the forme of conſecration and ordaining of Arch-biſhops, Biſhops, Prieſts, or Deacons, affirming, that the ſame is repugnant to the word of God: or that they, who are ſo ordered in the ſame forme, are not lawfully made?

7 Whether is there any in your pariſh, that doth hold, or frequent any Conventicles, or priuate meetings, and there doe conferre or agree vpon any priuate Orders, others then ſuch as are by the Canons ſet forth by publike authority, to bee by them, or any others in Church-gouernment obſerued?

8 Whether any perſons haue lurked or tippled in Tauernes or Alehouſes vpon Sundayes, or other Holidayes, or vſed his, or their Manuall craft, trade, or myſtery, or any bodily labour, or kept their ſhops open-

vpon the said dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of Diuine Seruice?

9 Whether are there any in your Parish, that doe or haue prophaned, (since his Majesties generall pardon) the Lords day, called Sunday, or any other Holiday, contrary to the Orders of the Church of England, prescribed in that behalfe?

10. Whether hath any person in your Parish quarelled, stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other, in the Church or church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

11. Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed within your Church or chappell in the time of Diuine Seruice, as by the 18. Constitution is prescribed? And whether each one in the Church or Chappell, doe apply and order himselfe there in the time of Diuine Seruice, as by the latter part of the same constitution is most commendably inioyned?

12 Whether the Church-wardens and Quest-men doe euery Sunday and holiday diligently search, who absenteth himselfe, or herselfe from Church, or whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch, or church-yard in the time of common Prayer or Sermon?

13 Whether the Church-wardens doe prouide against euery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and of good and wholesome wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Siluer, or other cleane mettall.

14. Whether haue any in your Parish beene God-fathers or God-mothers to their owne children; or whether your Ministers, or any God-fathers or God-mothers haue vsed, or doe vse any other forme, answer, or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common Prayer appointed, or whether any which haue not communicated, bee admitted to be God-fathers or God-mothers, contrary to the 29. Canon?

15 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? You shall present their Names: and if your Minister, sithence the publishing of the said booke of Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise present him.

16. Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, cause their Children, seruants, and apprentizes, to come to the Catechisme

come vpon the Sundayes and Holidayes, before Euening Prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duty herein, you shall present their names?

17 Whether haue you, or your predecessors Church-wardens, there suffered, since the last Pardon, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, or any other prophane vsages, to be kept in your Church, chappell, or Church-yard?

18. How many Inhabitants within your Parish, men or women, aboue the age of sixteene yeares, doe refuse to frequent Diuine Seruice, established by publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein: what be their names, and what degree, or state or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

19. Whether doe any of the Inhabitants within your Parish, entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common receiuers of Guests, who refuse to frequent Diuine Seruice, or refuse the holy communion, as aforesaid, what be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

20. Whether any of the sayd Popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, not without pulike offence, or doe boldly busie themselues in seducing, or withdrawing others either abroad, or in their owne families, by instructing their children in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion, and what be their names that doe so?

21. How long the Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine Seruice, or from Communion as is aforesaid, whether of any long time, or onely since his Majesties Raigne, and how long?

22. What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine Excommunicated? what be their names, and for what cause and how long haue they so stood excommunicated?

23. Whether were you the Church-wardens and Questmen chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners in Easter weeke, according vnto the 89. and 90. Canons? And whether haue the Church-wardens before you giuen vp a iust account for their time, and deliuered to you their successors, whatsoeuer money or other things of right belonging to the Church, which was in their hands, according to the 89. Canon?

24. Whether doe all persons above the age of fyfténe yéeres, vsually resort to heare Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holydayes appoynted? And whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of fyfténe yéeres, as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yére, chiefely once at Easter, in your parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

25. Whether haue you a fit Parish clarke, aged 20. yéeres at the least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing? and whether are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud, according to the most auncient custome of your parish: If not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied? And whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar: or by whom, according to the 91. Canon?

26. Whether doth your Clarke or Sexton kéepe the Church cleane the doores locked: is any thing lost or spoyled through his default, or doth he (when any is passing out of this life) neglect to tole the Bell, hauing notice thereof.

27. Whether haue any in your parish béene married within the prohibited degrées forbidden by Law, and expressed in a certaine Table published by authority in Anno 1563. If yea, then you shall present their names. And whether haue you the said Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fastened to some conuenient place.

28. Whether doth any, heretofore diuorced, or married, and not diuorced, kéepe company at bed and bord as man and wife, with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married vnto, and what be their names? If the parties now so liuing together say that they be married, when and where were they married: and how long haue they so continued together?

29. Whether haue you in your parish, to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, any who haue committed Adultery, Fornication, or Incest, or any Bawdes, Harbourers or Receiuers of such persons, or publikely suspected thereof, which haue not béene publikely punished to your knowledge? If yea, then with whom? And whether are there any which are by common fame and report reputed, and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall Swearers, filthy Speakers, Raylers, Sowers of discord among their Neighbours, or Speakers against Ministers marriages, Vsurers contrary to the Statute made in the seauen and thirtieth yéere of King Henry the eight, Symonicall persons, Fighters, Brawlers, or quarrellers in the Church or Church-yard? You shall not fayle to present their names.

30 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued, or harboured any woman begotten with Child out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without pennance first inflicted vpon them by their Ordinary? You shall truely present aswell the partie harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to haue committed incontinency with her?

31 Whether any person or persons, suspected or detected heretofore of incontinencie, or any therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe: or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard? you shall not fayle to present the truth in that behalfe?

32 Whether there bee any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporall within your parish, or elsewhere within the Diocese, that haue retayned and kept in their custody, or that read, sell, vtter, disperse, carry or deliuer to others, any English or Latine Bookes, or Libels, set forth or Printed, eyther on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, errour, or heresie, against true Religion, and Catholicke doctrine, now publikely professed in this Church, or the gouernment, or discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme receiued and established by common authoritie, that you know, or haue heard of, what their names and sirnames are?

33 Whether there be any in your Parish, who are knowne or suspected to conceale, or keepe hidden in their houses any Masse-bookes, Portesses, Breuiaries, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition, or any Challices, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition vncancelled or vndefaced, which is to be coniectured that they doe keepe for a day, as they call it?

34 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to another place to heare other Preachers?

35 Whether there be any Inne-keepers, Alewines, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that suffer, or doe admit any person or persons into their houses, to eate, drinke, or play at Dice, Cardes, Tables, Bowles, or such like Games, in the time of Common-Prayer or Sermon, on Sundayes, or Holidayes: or any Butchers or other, that commonly vse to sell meate or other things in the time of common Prayer, preaching, or reading of Homilies: and whether in any Faires, or common Markets falling vpon Sundayes, there be shewing of any wares before morning Prayer be done? And whether any Markets or selling of

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wares bee vſed or ſuffered in any Church-yards on the Sunday by common Packe-men and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers?

36 Whether your Miniſter or Church-wardens, or any of the Pariſh, without the conſent or priuity of the Ordinarie, haue cauſed any to do Penance, or to be puniſhed eyther openly, or otherwiſe, by any Veſtry-meeting, or haue taken money for any crime puniſhable by the Eccleſiaſticall Lawes onely, and what be the Names of the parties that haue béene ſo puniſhed, and in what manner?

37. Whether there be any in your Pariſh, who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike Prayer appointed by the Booke of Common prayer, making a ſchiſme or diuiſion betweene the vſe of publike prayer and preaching? And whether there be any, who being preſent at publike Prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly, kneele vpon theyr knées, at ſuch times as by the Booke of Common Prayer they are appointed: To wit, when they make a generall confeſſion of their ſinnes: when all Prayers and Collects are read, in the time of the Letanie; when the Ten Commandements are read; and at the receiuing of the holy Communion, &c. And what be their Names that haue at any time ſhewed themſelues vndutifull and vnreuerent in that behalfe?

38 Whether there be any Married women within your Pariſh, which after Child-birth, refuſe, contemne, or neglect to come to the Church, to giue God thankes for their ſafe deliuery, and to haue the Prayers publikely appointed in that behalfe by the Booke of Common-prayer? And whether are they apparelled with a faire white vayle of Linnen cloath, and accompanied with ſome of the honeſt Wiues of the pariſh, according to the ancient cuſtome of our Church of England: and whether any Miniſter doe winke at ſuch fantaſticall women which refuſe ſo to doe?

39 Whether any within your Pariſh, doe reſort into Barnes, Fields, Woods, priuate houſes, or to any ordinary expoſitions of Scriptures, or conferences together, or that be drawers or perſwaders of others to any ſuch ſchiſmaticall Conuenticle?

40 Whether any doe kéepe their Children vnbaptized longer then is conuenient, vnleſſe that it be for ſome vrgent occaſion? And whether any doe carry their Child or Children, from the Pariſh they are borne in, to other Pariſhes to be Baptized, and ſo refuſe their owne pariſh, and to what other pariſh? Or doe bring ſtrange Miniſters into their owne houſes to Baptize their children priuately, according to their owne fantaſies?

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41. Whether doe you know or have heard of any within your parish, that have presumed to entermeddle with the goods and chattels of any dead person, not having authority from the Ordinary, eyther by, proving the will of the deceased, or by procuring of Letters of administration?

42. Item (setting downe the full summe of the Communicants within your parish) you shall present euery one who hath beene defective at this Feast of Easter last past, in reciuing the holy Communion, vpon neglect, contempt, or any other pretence and excuse.

43. Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance worthy the presentment, in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure? If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes?

44. Whether doe your Parishioners obserue and keepe holy the Holy and Festiuall dayes, which by the Lawes and Statutes of this Land are commanded to be kept holy; and namely, these Festiuall dayes following, viz. The Birth day of our Lord God, the Feast of the Purification, and the Annunciation of St. Mary the Virgin, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God, the Nativity of St. Iohn Baptist, and the Feast of all Saints?

45. Whether the fifth day of November be kept holy, and Thanksgiving be made to God for the States happy deliuerance, according to the Ordinance in that behalfe?

46. Lastly, you the Church-wardens are at the charge of your parish, to provide a convenient large Sheet, and a white wand to be had, and kept within your Church or Vestry, to be vsed at such times as Offenders are censured for their grieuous and notorious crimes.

You shall bring in your answer to the Articles aforesaid, at or before the Feast of the Nativity of St. Iohn the Baptist next.

Immediately after Michaelmas next, there shall be a Synode holden, where, and when the Clergy and Church-wardens are vpon warning giuen to appeare: at which time, the Church-wardens are to exhibite a Bill of Presentment to the Articles aforesaid, and then they shall exhibite no Bill of Presentment to the aforesaid Articles, vntill the next Visitation following: but if there shall be iust cause to present any persons, the Church-wardens may at any time make Presentments, and bring the same into the Registry. And at the deliuery of your Presentment, you shall set downe in the latter end thereof, the Names of such as have beene buried within your Parish, for the space of a quarter of a

yeere last past, before the date of your said Bill, being Men, Maides, or Widowes.

Articles to be enquired of by the Minister, Churchwardens and Sworn-men of every Parish, within the Arch-deaconry of *Middlesex*, according to the speciall direction of certaine Letters heretofore sent to the Lord Bishop of *London*, from the right Honourable the Lords of the Priuy Councell.

IN primis, Whether there be any in your parish, eyther Parishioners, Sojourners, or such as bee late come out of theyr Countryes into your parish, which doe refuse to come to Diuine Seruice to theyr Parish-Church, or else where: and what be their names, and surnames, and how long they haue refused so to doe?

2 Item, How many of their wiues and children aboue the age of sixteene yeeres, seruants, and other sojourners abiding in their houses, doe likewise refuse so to doe: and what be theyr Names and surnames, and how long they haue refused so to doe?

3 Item, Whether there be any in your parish which bee suspected to haue beene reconciled to the Popish Religion, or to haue beene absolued, or any that procured or counselled thereunto: and what be their names, and surnames?

4 Item, Whether there be any in your Parish which be suspected to bee Malling Priests, Reconcilers, Iesuites, Seminaries, or other persons which haue receiued any Orders or authority from the Romish Church, to vse, the like: and what be their names, and surnames?

5 Item, Whether there be any Schoole-masters within your parish, which doe not bring vp their Youth in the Religion now professed, or be not themselues diligent in repairing to Diuine Seruice, or bringing their Schollers to it?

Articles concerning Parishioners.

IN euery Parish where any manner of person dwelleth or sojourneth which refuseth to goe to some Church to heare Diuine Seruice, the Minister and Churchwardens of that Parish are commanded euery Moneth from henceforth, to goe to euerie such person with two or three honest witnesses, and before those witnesses to require euery such person to repayre to the Church to heare Diuine Seruice: and the sayd Minister and Churchwardens are commanded to send a Certificate in writing, signed with the hands, markes, and Seales of the said Minister,

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Churchwardens, and Witnesses, to their Arch-deacon, allwayes on the tenth day before Midsummer day: and on the tenth day before Christmas day: So, as returne of such certificate be made in time to the Custos Rotulorum, at every Assizes next ensuing those Feasts, testifying as well the manner and time of their admonishments of such Recusants whatsoever they be, as their answers: And when and whither they went to Church every Moneth, after such admonition given to them, as aforesaid: Or whether any such person hath wilfully withdrawne from taking or understanding such admonition: and also declaring the names, sirnames, and abiding places of every one that shall offend in any part or clause of the above written Articles. This every Minister & Churchwarden, is straighly charged to shew his diligence in, and effectually to doe, as they and every of them shall and will answer ot the contrary, at their perils.

To the fiue Articles aforesaid touching the Recusants.

YOu shall bring your Presentment into the Registry of the Arch-deacon of *Middlesex*, tenne dayes before Midsummer day, and tenne dayes before Christmas day, specifying the proper and sirname, title, and addition of every person presented, and how many Moneths they haue refused to come to Diuine Seruice, to their Parish Church, or else-where, before the day of making your Presentment.

Instructions for the Ministers, and Churchwardens, of the seuerall Parishes within the Arch-deaconry of *Middlesex*.

1 THat his Majesties Declaration published An. Dom. 1628. before the Articles of Religion, for setling all questions in difference, be strictly obserued.

2 That speciall care be had concerning Lecturers in euery Parish for whom these directions ensuing are to be followed.

1 First, that in all Parishes, the afternoones Sermons be turned into Catechizing by Question and answer, where, and whensoeuer there is no great cause apparent, to breake this ancient and profitable Order.

2 That euery Lecturer doe reade Diuine Seruice, according to the Liturgie, Printed by authoritie, in his Surplisse, and Hood, before the Lecture.

3 That where any Lecture is set vp in a Market Towne, the same be read by a company of Graue, and Orthodoxe Diuines, euen adioyning in the same Diocesse, and that they preach in Gowns, and not in Cloakes, as many vse to doe.

4 That if a Corporation doe maintaine a single Lecturer, he be not suffered to Preach, till he professe his willingnesse to take vpon him a liuing with Cure of Soules, within that Incorporation, and that he doe actually take such Benefice, or Cure, so soone as it shall be fairely procured for him.

3 That the Minister and Churchwardens in euery Parish, or one of them doe by writing, vnder his or their owne hands, certifie vnto the Arch-deacon of Middlesex, or his Officiall, (at euery Visitation and Synode) the Christian, and surnames of euery Lecturer in their Parishes, and the place where he Preacheth, (whether exempt, or not exempt) together with his quality and degree.

4 That they doe in like manner, certifie the Names of all such Men, as being not qualified by Law, doe keepe Chaplaines in their Houses.

5 That they doe further certifie the Names of all such, as absent themselues from, or are negligent in comming to Diuine Seruice, as well Prayers, as Catechizings and Sermons.

6 That the Ministers and Churchwardens of euery Parish successiuely, doe keepe a seuerall Copie of these Instructions by them, whereby they may be the better informed of their duty and that at euery Visitation and Synode, they shall present all such persons as haue disobeyed these Instructions, that according to his Majesties pleasure, such as doe conforme, may be incouraged, and such as are refractories, may be punished.

RICHARD CLVER, Arch-deacon of Middlesex.

Woolford

To appeare in the Parish Church of Stratford upon Avon upon Wednesday the 29th day of April 1674 by eight of the Clocke in the forenoone.